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Ms. Susan L. Leckband, Chair Hanford Advisory Board Enviroissues Hanford Project Office 713Jadwin Avenue, Suite 4 Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Ms. Leckband:

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) CONSENSUS ADVICE #229 TANK CLOSURE & WASTE MANAGEMENT (TC & WM) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Thank you for your letter regarding the comments on the TC & WM EIS. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and State of Washington Department of Ecology appreciate your thoughtful recommendations.

Advice from the HAB is very important to our agencies. The comment period closes May 3, 2010, and the comments received from the HAB and members of the public will be considered as we move forward.

We will issue responses to your advice and all public comments in a Comment Response Document which will be issued with the final TC & WM EIS.

If you have any questions concerning the responses to the comments, please contact Mary Beth Burandt, DOE TC & WM EIS National Environmental Policy Act Document Manager, at (509) 373-9160, or Suzanne Dahl, Ecology Project Manager, (509) 372-7892.

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Response to HAB advice #229

HAB Consensus Advice: TC&WM EIS

Letter from David Brockman, Shirley Olinger & Jane Hedges dated 4/14/10